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1. RW is probably right in item 1. However, a "basic intelligence product that involves a minimum of ... time and can be produced quicky" probably isn't worth any effort. OCI's contribution is now down to

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<30 per annum, or maybe that's bugging [redacted]

2. I think 3.d) (2nd sentence) is significant to point out to JKK.

3. I disagree about dropping Science. If OSI has to contract out the work, apparently they do not have the capability (or inhouse resources) to ~~pro~~ draw the data together themselves. This would indicate a validity in having the data in NIS form available to the community at large. –

4 Disagree about removing headings in (3(g)) The Society. Heads are convenience & material would be (or certainly should be) there anyway.

5 To expect the CP people to be fully versed on US interests, plus compile & write on the country itself seems excessive

6. Lets not confuse our immediate crisis with additional consideration of "to Xerox Review or not to Xerox Review" right now

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3. ~~There is nothing wrong~~ I do have some specific comments, however:

a) The NIS is no longer on a worldwide basis. of the Community

b) Evidence does not prove that components have the "sophistication" to produce on their own.

c) I cannot see how production on an individual agency basis would be less expensive; it would be more.

d) The products are tailored now. If more tailoring were needed, the detailed chapters would still be around.

e) Duplication would increase under John's concept.

f) I agree to proposal for dropping Intelligence and Security and Science. But this can be done under present structure.

g) The sociological and political chapters can be preserved, and under the present structure. I disagree on the economy chapter. Items that may be ~~de~~ removed as separate headings are religion, education, public information, and Artistic and cultural expression in The Society. The outlook for Government and Politics could be streamlined to avoid duplication within the chapter.

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h) I agree that the Country Profile should include U.S. national interests.

i) ~~One criteria for~~ The countries on which we should concentrate our resources is still an open argument, at least in regard to available manpower and money. Proposals either way -- developed nations vs underdeveloped -- make some sense. Best we stay with our mixed bag.

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4. Referring back to my first paragraph, I feel strongly that necessary time and procedures are what John is attempting to zero on, but in a rather oblique way. Some people think that a proposal of a workout idea will achieve the real goal. His comments at the NIS meeting this morning would indicate that necessary is his single concern.

5. I do not want to beat an old horse to death, but I urge that further thought be given the Xerox review and to elimination of formal NIS committee approval. Coordination would take place at the early exchange of manuscripts, after which the manuscript would be sent to OBGI for editing and review. After the conference and clean up, it would go to the Printer. ~~Based on the performance of various~~ The unenthusiastic actions and interest displayed by various NIS Committee members over the past year indicate

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to me that Xerox review is not that sacred.

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To: JM 4 April 1973

From: RLW, Ch/NISD/W

Subject: [redacted] Memo on the NIS

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1. Reading between the lines of John's memo and recalling many conversations we have had, it seems apparent that the main thrust of his concern is not interagency coordination as such, or priority vs. nonpriority countries, or depth of coverage; I think what he is after is the production of a basic intelligence product that involves a minimum of DCI's time and can be produced quickly.

2. As for the memo itself, it contains several inconsistencies, ~~and also reflects~~. Moreover, in view of what NISD hears about the thoughts of the DCI, ~~[redacted]~~ John's ten leaves seem to be different than ours. I have had the benefit of reading CHC's memo on the subject and will not repeat his observations, with which I generally agree.

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